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MY QUICK COMMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) THE CHINESE NOTIF IS CLEAR.

(B) AGAIN THEY TRY TO PLAY DOWN THE COMMISSION.

2. ON TACTICS:-

(A) WE DONT WANT TO GIVE THEM AN EXCUSE FOR STALLING.

(B) WE WANT TO PUT THEM TO THE TEST.

3. CAN WE THEREFORE

(A) WITHOUT IF POSS SUGGESTING ANY MINOR TEXTUAL AMENDMENTS PROMPTLY
ACCEPT THE WHOLE MESSAGE EXCEPT THE PARA ON THE AMERICANS, AND
AGREE TO ITS IMMED DELIVERY AND PUBLICATION IN THAT FORM;

(B) PROPOSE SEPARATELY A DRAFT MESSAGE TO THE COMMISSION OR, IN
THE ALTERNATIVE, SAY THT WE ASSUME THEY AGREE TO OUR AMBDRS
CONVEYING AN ORAL MESSAGE TO THE COMMISSION ASKING FOR A REPORT
ON THE 31TH AND THT WE PROPOSE TO INSTRUCT OUR AMBDR ACCGLY

4. IF THEY REFUSE AND PUDRISH, WE WD SURELY BE IN A GOOD PUBLIC
POSN.

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draft text
Co-Chairman letter*

THE FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF SOVIET DRAFT TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM CO-CHAIRMEN TO LAOTIAN GOVT. BEGINS.

THE TWO CHAIRMEN OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SETTLEMENT OF THE LAOS ON EXPRESS THEIR SERIOUS CONCERN IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACTS OF POLITICAL TERROR AND THE MILITARY CLASHES WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE OF LATE IN LAOS, AND CONSIDER THAT THESE EVENTS CONSTITUTE A THREAT TO PEACE IN THE COUNTRY AND MAY LEAD TO THE UNDERMINING OF THE 1962 GENEVA AGREEMENTS.

THE TWO CHAIRMEN PROCEED FROM THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE INTERNAL PROBLEMS OF LAOS SHOULD BE SETTLED BY THE LAOTIANS THEMSELVES AND THAT THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS AND THE EXISTENCE OF THE COALITION GOVT CREATE FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN ALL FORCES WHICH SUPPORT THE BUILDING OF A PEACEFUL, INDEPENDENT AND NEUTRAL LAOS, AND ALSO FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE LACK OF TRUST BETWEEN THE THREE POLITICAL GROUPS WHICH HAS ARISEN IN THE PAST. FOR THEIR PART, ALL THE STATES WHO ARE PARTIES TO THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS SHOULD, OF COURSE, EXECUTE STRICTLY THEIR OBLIGATIONS ACCORDING TO THESE AGREEMENTS. THEREBY ASSISTING THE COALITION GOVT IN THE SOLN OF INTERNAL PROBLEMS IN A SPIRIT OF PEACE AND NATIONAL UNITY.

THE TWO CHAIRMEN HAVE REC'D FROM CERTAIN STATES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON LAOS STATEMENTS IN WHICH ALARM IS EXPRESSED AT THE PRESENT DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITUATION IN LAOS AND IN WHICH FACTS ARE ADDUCED WHICH INDICATE A VIOLATION OF THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS ON LAOS. IN THESE STATEMENTS IT IS REPORTED, IN PARTICULAR, THAT MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE U.S.A. HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN FROM LAOS AND THAT THE USA ARE CONTINUING TO GIVE MILITARY AID TO ONE OF THE POLITICAL GROUPINGS IN LAOS. ARMS AND AMMUNITION ARE BEING CONVEYED IN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT TO DETACHMENTS OF DIVERSIONISTS OPERATING IN THE REAR OF THE NATIONAL-PATRIOTIC FORCES. THE STATEMENTS FURTHER NOTE THAT A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE AND CHIANG KAI-SHEKIYI OFFICERS HAVE LATELY PENETRATED TO THE PLAIN OF JARS AND OTHER POINTS IN THE COUNTRY. ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT THERE CONTINUE TO BE AMERICAN SERVICEMEN IN THAILAND, WHICH INCREASES TENSION AND CREATES A THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF LAOS. IN THE STATEMENTS REFERRED TO RESPONSE FOR THE TENSE SITUATION WHICH HAS ARISEN IN LAOS IS LAID UPON THE GOVT OF THE USA AND THE POLITICAL FORCES IN LAOS SUPPORTED BY IT, WHOSE ACTIONS ARE DIRECTED TO THE UNDERMINING OF THE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE COALITION GOVT AND OF THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS. THE VIOLATION OF THE COALITION GOVT AND OF THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS FOLLOWED BY THE ACTIONS WHICH ARE DIRECTED TO THE UNDERMINING OF THE COALITION GOVT AND OF THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS.

TO BE SUPPORTED BY IT. THE TWO CHAIRMEN ARE DIRECTED TO THE UNDER-
STANDING OF THE AGT GOVERNMENT THE COALITION GOVT AND OF THE GENEVA
AGTS. THE TWO CHAIRMEN ASSUME THAT IN THE SITUATION WHICH HAS ARISEN
THE MOST IMPRT TASK OF THE COALITION GOVT IS NOT TO PERMIT THE
UNLEASHING OF MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE COUNTRY AND TO STRIVE TO
SECURE NATIONAL HARMONY. IN THIS CONNECTION THEY APPEAL TO REPVES
OF THE THREE POLITICAL FORCES IN LAOS WHICH FORM PART OF THE
COALITION GOVT TO GIVE ORDERS TO THE ARMED FORCES UNDER THEIR
CONTROL NOT TO UNDERTAKE ANY ACTIONS WHICH WOULD BE AT VARIANCE WITH
THE GENEVA AGTS, WHICH ENVISAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAOS ALONG
THE ROAD OF PEACE, INDEPENDENCE AND NEUTRALITY, AND TO DIRECT
THEIR EFFORTS TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, BY MEANS OF TALKS AND
IN COLLABORATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR INSPECTION
AND CONTROL, OF THE DANGEROUS SITUATION WHICH HAS ARISEN AND THEREBY
TO GUARANTEE THE EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF THE COALITION GOVT AND
NATIONAL UNITY.

THE TWO CHAIRMEN EXPECT IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO RECEIVE FROM
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION A REPORT ON THE RECENT VISITS BY ITS
MEMBERS TO VARIOUS AREAS OF THE COUNTRY. THEY HOPE THAT THE GOVT
OF LAOS WILL AS IT HAS DONE HITHERTO GIVE THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMISSION THE NECY ASSISTANCE IN THE EXECUTION OF ITS TASKS AS
LAID DOWN BY THE PROTOCOL TO THE DECLARATION ON THE NEUTRALITY
OF LAOS.

THE TWO CHAIRMEN EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THEIR APPEAL, WHICH
IS DICTATED BY THE DESIRE TO CONTRIBUTE TO NORMALISATION OF THE
SITUATION IN LAOS AND TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENEVA AGTS ON THE
SETTLEMENT OF THE LAOS QN, WILL MEET WITH UNDERSTANDING AND
SUPPORT FROM THE THREE POLITICAL FORCES IN LAOS WHICH FORM PART OF
THE COALITION GOVT OF NATIONAL UNITY, AND ALSO FROM ALL THE
GOVTS OF COUNTRIES WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON LAOS.

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